

1-1 By: Pickett (Senate Sponsor - Rodríguez) H.B. No. 1791  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 1, 2017;  
 1-3 May 2, 2017, read first time and referred to Committee on  
 1-4 Administration; May 2, 2017, reported favorably by the following  
 1-5 vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0; May 2, 2017, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7 Kolkhorst	X			
1-8 Burton	X			
1-9 Huffines	X			
1-10 Hughes	X			
1-11 Nichols			X	
1-12 West	X			
1-13 Zaffirini	X			

1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to the use of connected braking systems to maintain  
 1-18 distance between vehicles.

1-19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-20 SECTION 1. Section 545.062, Transportation Code, is amended  
 1-21 by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

1-22 (d) An operator of a vehicle equipped with a connected  
 1-23 braking system that is following another vehicle equipped with that  
 1-24 system may be assisted by the system to maintain an assured clear  
 1-25 distance or sufficient space as required by this section. In this  
 1-26 subsection, "connected braking system" means a system by which the  
 1-27 braking of one vehicle is electronically coordinated with the  
 1-28 braking system of a following vehicle.

1-29 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
 1-30 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
 1-31 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
 1-32 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
 1-33 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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